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1.IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED PARA 2 REF A, RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLACING THE LABEL ON THE CAN IS NOT ASSIGNED BY THE AMIRI DECREE EITHER THE PRODUCER OR AGENT COULD AFFIX THE LABEL. GIVEN THE HIGH VOLUME OF CANNED AND PACKAGED FOOD IMPORTS IT SEEMS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT ANY AGENT WOULD PROCEED TO THE CUSTOMS CLEARING AREA AND AFFIX A LABEL TO EVERY CAN. EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT ANY AGENT IN KUWAIT WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE SUCH A STEP.

2. AS MENTIONED IN PARA 3, REF B, THE AMIRI DECREE DOES NOT REQUIRE AN ENTIRELY NEW LABEL. A PRINTED STICKER AFFIXED TO THE PRESENT LABLE IS ACCEPTABLE IF IT SPECIFIES IN ARABIC, THE CONTENTS, MANUFACTURE AND EXPIRATION DATE.

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